

Senate Resolution 1068

By: Senator Carter of the 1st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Honorable Richard R. Davis upon the occasion of his retirement; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Honorable Richard R. Davis has long been recognized by the citizens of this
4 state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to
5 the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, this dedicated public servant has devoted numerous hours of his time, talents,
7 and energy to improving the lives of his neighbors as a member of the Richmond Hill City
8 Council for ten years; and

9 WHEREAS, his diligent leadership as a councilmember was appreciated by the citizens of
10 the City of Richmond Hill, and he was elected to serve as mayor in 1988; and

11 WHEREAS, Mayor Davis oversaw great economic growth and development as the leader
12 of Richmond Hill, a town which he was instrumental in incorporating in 1962 when he went
13 door to door for signatures and which has grown in population from approximately 2,000 to
14 10,000 residents during his service; and

15 WHEREAS, during his tenure as mayor, he led efforts in widening Highway 17 and
16 Highway 144, establishing a natural waste water treatment plant that does not produce outfall
17 into the Ogeechee River, bringing Bryan County Nursing Home to the city, and building J.F.
18 Gregory Park, the Veterans Memorial, the City Center, and the Amphitheater; and

19 WHEREAS, a supporter of the Great Ogeechee Seafood Festival and annual Christmas
20 parades, Mayor Davis helped save residents countless dollars in long distance phone charges
21 by ensuring calls placed from Richmond Hill to Savannah were considered local calls by
22 phone companies; and

23 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience
24 and diplomacy, and his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this state have earned him
25 the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

26 WHEREAS, although his presence in Richmond Hill government will be sorely missed upon
27 his retirement, Mayor Davis's influence will be present for future generations of Richmond
28 Hill residents; and

29 WHEREAS, it is fitting that this body express its appreciation to Mayor Davis for the great
30 credit he reflects on his community and this state.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
32 commend the Honorable Richard R. Davis for his over four decades of outstanding, efficient,
33 and effective service to the City of Richmond Hill.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
35 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Honorable Richard R. Davis.